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RIGHTHERE, RIGHTHERE, NOW Timing is Everything? – Climate Control on the North Pacific Ecosystem Phenology

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Cherry blossom in Tokyo, March 20th 2015



Global Climatology of Phytoplankton Phenology



Seasonal Mixed Layer Process and Onset of Spring Bloom



Future Projection of Phytoplankton Phenology

Earlier when Warmer in mid-high latitudinal region



5 % level) are plotted.

(Henson et al. 2013, Biogeoscience)

Why Does Plankton Phenology Matter? Trophic Match-Mismatch

Timing of spring bloom and the Eastern Scotian Shelf outer banks haddock fishery (Platt et al. 2003)





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1. Phenological shift in LTL and its link to HTL in the Western North Pacific: study using long-term Zooplankton data.

2. New ocean provinces in the North Pacific based on the phytoplankton seasonality

Global Comparison of Zooplankton Time-series: SCOR WG125 (2005~2011)

Advantages in using zooplankton time-series

- Samples are preserved for decades
- Biological, chemical compositions of Zooplankton tell us environmental conditions integrated through seasons.





Global Comparison of Zooplankton Phenology in the SCOR WG 125 Special Issue of Progress in Oceanography (Mackas et al., 2012)



Temperature dependence of Zooplankton Phenology

"The most common phenology correlate is water temperature during and before the growing season, and the most common phenologic response to temperature is.."

"Earlier when and where warmer"....



Long-term Study in the Western North Pacific Sets Zooplankton Phenology (1960s-1990s)

Odate Collection Data sets



Long-term Study in the Western North Pacific Ontogenetic vertical migration of Neocalanus Copepods

Neocalanus species: mesopelagic spawning

=> Peak biomass is likely controlled by seasonal phytoplankton availability



Long-term Study in the Western North Pacific



H: Early bloom (longer bloom season) was "Good Match" For Neocalanus *reproduction in the 90s.*

Trophic Link Study using zooplankton Nitrogen Stable Isotope



Long-term Study in the Western North Pacific Nitrogen Stable Isotope Analysis



(Chiba 2012, NPAFC Tech. Rep.)

Long-term Study in the Western North Pacific Nitrogen Stable Isotope Analysis Link to HTL (Pink Salmon)

BIOMASS

δ¹⁵N



(Chiba 2012, NPAFC Tech. Rep.)

Summary Plankton Phenology and Trophic Good Match in WNP during the 1990s AL-PDO Warming Good Match Good Match



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New Ocean Paradigm on Its Biogeochemistry, Ecosystem and Sustainable Use

To develop **a new ocean provinces** based on ecological and biogeochemical properties





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NEOPS New Ocean Provinces

GOAL: Better management of Marine Ecosystem Services



NEOPS New Ocean Provinces based on the Seasonal Chl a Variation



NEOPS Phytoplankton Provinces: 10 yrs Climatology in Seasonal Timing



Autumn Peak Chl a



Seasonal Chl a Amplitude



Spring Peak Timing (JD)



Autumn Peak Timing (JD)

Note: Peak JD Range was examined for only clusters with seasonal variation (CV > 0.1)

NEOPS New Ocean Provinces: Dynamic Boundary



NEOPS New Ocean Provinces: Boundary Shift



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Interannual Variation in Phytoplankton Phenology in the Boundary Regions





NEOPS New Ocean Provinces: Climate change and Boundary Shift

Which areas are more susceptible to which climatic systems?





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Ongoing analysis:

- Comparison to BGC Provinces
- Comparison to zooplankton distribution



Recommendation to Global Ocean Observation of Phenology

FOO (Framework for Ocean Observing)



A Framework for Ocean Observing. By the Task Team for an Integrated Framework for Sustained Ocean Observing, UNESCO 2012, IOC/INF-1284 rev., doi: 10.5270/OceanObs09-FOO

Recommendation to Global Ocean Observation of Phenology

1. Zooplankton δ^{15} N as an EOV for Trophic Link (incl. phenlogical match-mismatch)

> * Amino acid level δ^{15} N is the best, because it can detect variation in Trophic level regardless of δ^{15} N variation in phytoplankton and source water (Chikaraishi et al., 2010, Limnology and Oceanography: Method)

2. Observation in better spatial and temporal resolution in the boundary regions of the Phytoplankton Province.



TIMING IS EVERYTHING

Doctor, there's a chronometer in the arboretum that ceased working a year ago. It has been correct twice a day ever since. So you see, I do not doubt that you, too, can be...